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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: DELAWARE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL

**DEPENDENCY PROFESSIONALS** 

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: Division of Professional Regulation, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard

Cannon Building, Second Floor Conference Room A,

Dover, Delaware

MINUTES APPROVED: May 24, 2017

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Todd Grande, Ph.D., LCDP, **President**Dr. Rosemary Madl-Young, Ph.D., LCDP
James Elder, LCDP
Daniel Cooper, LPCMH
Ruth Banta, Public Member
Elisabeth Vassas, Public Member

# **DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT**

Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General Nicole Williams, Administrative Specialist III

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dr. Julius Mullen, Ed, D., LPCMH, Vice-President Dr. Gregg Drevno, Ph.D., LPCMH Irvin Bowers, Public Member, Secretary

#### **ALSO PRESENT**

Jennifer August

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Dr. Grande called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

#### **REVIEW AND APPROVL OF MINUTES**

The Board reviewed the March 22, 2017 meeting minutes for approval. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by, Dr. Madl-Young, to approve the March meeting minutes as written. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

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### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### Status of Review of the 2016 Mental Health Audits

The Board reviewed the audits submitted for approval. For all deficient audits reviewed, Ms. Williams will send an audit deficient letter noting the deficiency and allow time to submit the additional information requested. For all audits reviewed that were approved, the licensee's will receive an audit passed letter.

# Review of Letter of Audit Request from Jo Ann Schneidman

The Board reviewed and discussed Ms. Schneidman's letter. The Board advised to send her a letter stating that she can research to obtain the documentation required and submit as soon as the documentation is obtained. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Ms. Banta, to allow 45 days to provide her audit documentation. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### Discussion of regulation changes in light of HB 82

Ms. Singh stated that the bill is currently awaiting the Governor's signature. Ms. Singh stated that she reviewed the current regulations in comparison to the current bill to determine if there were any regulations that were in direct conflict to the current bill. Ms. Singh noted that the most substantive change will be in regards to the licensure requirements for a LPCMH and those changes should be addressed at a future Legislative Committee meeting. Ms. Singh asked the Board to review the drafted proposed regulation changes that are in alignment with the current bill. The Board will have a Legislative Committee meeting on May 24, 2017 for discussion on proposed regulation changes in light of HB 82.

# Discussion and vote on adding practice protection to SB43 (License Professional Art Therapists)

Dr. Grande stated that he had a discussion with Dr. Northey and this bill was sponsored based on the determination that a previous applicant had applied to the Board and was denied licensure as the person had a degree in Art Therapy. Dr. Grande noted that SB43 has practice protection as part of the bill and suggested for the Board to attach its own practice protection language to SB43. Ms. Singh stated that the Board could not add their own practice protection language to an external bill. Dr. Grande inquired if the Board still wanted to pursue practice protection. Ms. Singh advised the likelihood of a practice protection bill being submitted this legislative session is diminished but could be submitted for the next legislative session. The Board cannot amend or add on to SB43. The Board will add this to the next Legislative Committee meeting after the regulation changes discussion for HB 82.

# Discussion and vote on adding LMFT advisory members to Legislative Committee

Dr. Grande inquired if Dr. Northey can be a member of the Legislative Committee. Ms. Singh advised that Dr. Northey could be added as a Legislative Committee member. Dr. Madl-Young moved, seconded by Ms. Vassas, to add Dr. Northey as a member to the Legislative Committee. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. Ms. Williams will notify Dr. Northey that he can serve as a member on the Legislative Committee.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Ratification of Application(s) for LPCMH Licensure – Upgrade

Michael Jackson, NBCC Certified – The Board discussed the ratification of Mr. Jackson's license. Dr. Grande, moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to oppose this ratification and annul the issued license. Dr. Madl-Young concurred. Ms. Singh advised that the decision to issue the license was based on the fact that the Board's last discussion and vote was to table the application for Mr. Jackson and allow time to obtain verification of clinical hours from his previous supervisor and verification is obtain then to issue the license. The Board had delayed Mr. Jackson's application for months as Mr. Jackson has not been able to obtain

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official verification from his previous supervisor, Kristin Campbell, LCSW, while at Meadowood. Ms. Williams, on behalf of the Division for the Board, and the Division's Director, David. Mangler, also attempted to reach Mr. Jackson's previous supervisor and was not able to obtain official varication directly from her; however Meadowood was able to verify in two different employment letters that Mr. Jackson worked full time at Meadowood during the timeframe as provided on his written plan for the supervisor. The Board decided to table this agenda item for Mr. Jackson for further review and clarification. Dr. Madl-Young moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to table the ratification of Mr. Jackson's license as a LPCMH for further review and clarification. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Dawn Taylor-Gizzio, NBCC Certified – Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young, to ratify the issued license to Ms. Taylor-Gizzio. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### Review of Application(s) for LPCMH Licensure

Kwentor Uwechue, NBCC/Reciprocity – The Board reviewed and discussed the application for Mr. Uwechue. Mr. Elder moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to approve the application for licensure as a LPCMH. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Linda Newton, NBCC/Reciprocity – The Board reviewed and discussed the application for Ms. Newton. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Ms. Banta, to approve the application for licensure as a LPCMH. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Jennifer Potts, NBCC/Reciprocity – The Board reviewed and discussed the application for Ms. Newton. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young, to approve the application for licensure as a LPCMH. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### Review of Application(s) for LCDP

Annette Royer, DCB-CAC-AD – The Board reviewed and discussed the application for Ms. Royer. The Board discussed that Ms. Royer did met the approved supervisor requirements pursuant to 24 Del. C. section 3032(a)(2) as her supervisors, a Nurse Practitioner, Physician, and CEO, are not approved supervisors. Dr. Grande moved, seconded by Mr. Cooper, to propose to deny the application for Ms. Royer as she does not meet the approved supervisor requirements pursuant to 24 Del. C. section 3032(a)(2). By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### Review of Application(s) for LMFT

Dalesa Martinez – The Board reviewed and discussed the application for Ms. Martinez. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young, to approve the application for licensure as a LMFT. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

# Review of Reactivation Request for Joyce Keene, LPCMH

The Board reviewed and considered the license reactivation request for Joyce Keene, LMCMH. Mr. Cooper moved, seconded by Dr. Madl-Young, to approve Ms. Keene's license reactivation request. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### Status of Complaints

There were no complaint statuses to provide.

### **Correspondence**

There was no correspondence for review or discussion.

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# Other Business before the Board (for discussion only)

There was no other business before the board for discussion.

### **Public Comment**

Ms. Jennifer August addressed the Board regarding SB43. Ms. Singh stated that the Board does not have the authority to add to or amend SB43 for public protection.

# **Next Meeting Date**

The Board's next meeting is May 24, 2017, at 11:00 a.m., in Conference Room A, of the Cannon Bldg., 861 Silver Lake Blvd., Dover, Delaware. The Board has scheduled a Legislative Committee meeting to begin at 11:00 a.m. before the regular Board meeting at 12:00 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Cooper made a motion, seconded by Mr. Elder, to adjourn the meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried. There being no further business before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole M. Williams

Administrative Specialist III

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The notes of this meeting are not intended to be a verbatim record of the topics that were presented or discussed. They are for the use of the Board members and the public in supplementing their personal notes and recall for presentations.